

CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES  
January 23, 1951

An informal meeting was called to order by Bob Anderson in Dr. McFarland's office.

Anderson explained ASMSU's general organization and functions to Dr. McFarland. He also told him about the situation surrounding the student activity finances and said that there was, more and more, a need felt for the student activity fees to be increased.

Murphy said that a \$2.50 increase would raise the annual income from about \$60,000 to \$80,000 if based on an enrollment of 2700 students. However, if there is a decrease in enrollment, the income will drop down again to about \$60,000 which means that if we want to maintain the status quo of student finances and activities, the fees should be increased. He said that printing costs have risen 78 per cent within recent years, and drama production costs have gone up 10 per cent since August. He also said that the drama department has already had to cut one production from its schedule because of rising costs.

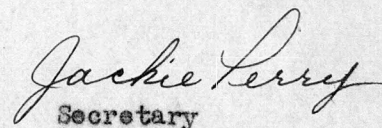
When asked, Anderson explained a tentative plan that might be used if Central Board recommended an increase in fees to present the situation to the students. The plan hinges chiefly on informing them of the situation through the Kaimen, convocations, living group talks, and through the efforts of the campus groups which receive student activity money. Anderson mentioned too that ASMSU's student program is much broader in scope than are those of student governments in most colleges of comparable size.

Kirk Badgley said that in many larger schools the athletic program carried the rest of the student activities financially while at MSU, that is not the case. Dean Wunderlich mentioned that in the last war the Athletic Department curtailed certain activities which changed the balance of distribution of funds. However, the percentage distribution is handled each year through the Budget and Finance committee which recommends it to Central Board for final passage, Anderson said. Badgley expressed his feeling that it was imperative for every activity group on campus to work on this campaign if it is decided upon, and also emphasized the importance of having a fully organized program.

Murphy then moved that Central Board recommend an increase of \$2.50 per quarter in student activity fees based upon the decision and recommendation of Budget and Finance. Chaffin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Wohlgenant moved that a referendum be presented to the students February 14 on the recommended increase in student activity fees, and that a simple majority be sufficient to decide the issue. McKown seconded. Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

  
Secretary

Present:

Anderson (Bob), Murphy, Perry, Kind, McKown, Chaffin, Wohlgenant, Kugler, Clark, Graff, Badgley, Briggs, Wunderlich, McFarland